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- 1 Q. Please state your name and business address.
- 2 A. My name is Eric Lounsberry and my business address is: Illinois Commerce
- 3 Commission, 527 East Capitol Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62701.
- 4 Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?
- 5 A. I am employed by the Illinois Commerce Commission ("Commission") as the
- 6 Supervisor of the Gas Section of the Engineering Department of the Energy
- 7 Division. I have worked for the Illinois Commerce Commission since 1989.
- 8 Q. Please state your educational background.
- 9 A. I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University
- of Illinois and a Master of Business Administration degree from Sangamon State
- 11 University (now known as University of Illinois at Springfield).
- 12 Q. What are your primary responsibilities and duties as the Gas Section Supervisor
- of the Energy Division's Engineering Department?
- 14 A. I assign my employees or myself to cases, provide training, and review work
- products over the various areas of responsibility covered by the Gas Section. In
- particular, the responsibilities and duties of Gas Section employees include
- performing studies and analyses dealing with day-to-day, and long term,
- operations and planning of the gas utilities serving Illinois. For example, Gas
- 19 Section employees review purchased gas adjustment clause reconciliations, rate

20		base additions, levels	s of natural gas used for working capital, and utility						
21		applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity. They also							
22		perform audits of utili	ity gas meter shops.						
23	Q.	What is the purpose	of this proceeding?						
24	A.	On November 27, 20	002, Central Illinois Public Service Company ("CIPS") and						
25		Union Electric Compa	any ("UE") (collectively "Companies") requested Commission						
26		approval to increase	their natural gas rates.						
27	Q.	What are your duties	and responsibilities associated with this docket?						
28	A.	My assignment is to	determine if the Companies' requested level of working						
29		capital associated with its storage gas was reasonable and to review various							
30		aspects of the Comp	anies' proposed tariffs.						
31	Q.	Do you have any sch	nedules attached to your direct testimony?						
32	A.	Yes. I have the follow	wing schedules:						
33 34 35		Schedule 4.2 UE	Summary of UE Adjustments MRT Storage – Physical Inventory Comparison of Gas in Storage Value						
36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43		Schedule 4.2 CIPS Schedule 4.3 CIPS Schedule 4.4 CIPS Schedule 4.5 CIPS Schedule 4.6 CIPS Schedule 4.7 CIPS Schedule 4.8 CIPS	Summary of CIPS Adjustments Ashmore Storage – Physical Inventory Sciota Storage – Physical Inventory Johnston City – Physical Inventory NGPL DSS – Physical Inventory Texas Eastern – Physical Inventory Trunkline NNS – Physical Inventory Panhandle Leased Storage Contracts Comparison of Gas in Storage Value by Field						

45	Q.	What recommendations are you making in this proceeding?
46	A.	I recommend that UE reduce its requested working capital allowance associated
47		with gas in storage by \$127,000, provide more detailed information regarding its
48		decision to institute an Automated Meter Reading ("AMR") project, and to specify
49		in its tariff that it will meet all requests for new service under certain conditions
50		within 15 working days.
51		I recommend CIPS reduce its working capital allowance for gas in storage by
52		\$5,464,000, that it retire the Belle Gent storage field, and that it specify in its tariff
53		that it will meet all requests for new service under certain conditions within 15
54		working days.
55	UE .	Adjustments
56	Woı	king Capital Associated with Gas in Storage
57	Q.	What amount of working capital allowance did UE request to cover the working
58		gas, or top gas, contained in its natural gas storage fields?
59	A.	UE requested an amount equal to \$1,547,000 per Schedule B-5.1 of its 83 III.
60		Adm. Code ("Part 285") filing.
61	Q.	Do you agree that UE's requested level is reasonable?
62	A.	No. I recommend that UE reduce the requested amount by taking into account
63		the higher than average levels of natural gas contained in storage during the test

64 year versus historical years as well as make a minor correction due to the use of 65 actual information rather than estimated information. After taking into account 66 the higher than average levels of natural gas and making use of actual data 67 results in a working capital allowance of \$1,420,000 (1,547,000 – 127,000). 68 which is \$127,000 less than the value requested by UE as shown on ICC Staff 69 Exhibit 4.0, Schedule 4.1 UE. 70 Q. What is working gas? 71 Α. Working gas, also called top gas, is the volume of gas in a storage reservoir that 72 is cycled (withdrawn during winter months, injected during the non-winter 73 months) from storage. 74 Q. What is base gas? 75 Α. Base gas is the volume of gas required in a storage reservoir to provide 76 adequate pressure to cycle the working gas. 77 Q. In general, why does a gas utility use storage field supply? 78 Α. In the winter months, a gas utility uses storage field supply to meet winter peak 79 demand, while also avoiding the costs associated with contracting for other 80 winter firm supply resources. In addition, a storage field's working gas is 81 comprised of summer injections that are, under most circumstances, less 82 expensive than winter resources. Therefore, there is usually an economic

incentive to make use of storage field supplies.

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### **Average Storage Volume**

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85 Q. What test year did UE select for this proceeding? 86 A. UE used the 12-month historical period July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002. 87 Q. Do you consider the volume of natural gas on which UE based its requested 88 working capital allowance a normal volume of natural gas to maintain in storage? 89 A. No. I reviewed the volume of natural gas that UE requested for a working capital 90 allowance in the test year to the volume of natural gas for the prior 5 historical 91 years. This review indicated the volume of gas contained in the test year was 92 larger than any of the prior periods reviewed. Therefore, I consider the volume of 93 gas that UE requested as a working capital allowance not to be a representative 94 volume for the future. Instead, I recommend averaging the volumes of natural 95 gas contained in the test year to the historical data to provide a more 96 representative volume. 97 Q. How many storage fields does UE own or lease? 98 Α. UE does not own any storage fields, but does lease one storage field from 99 Mississippi River Transmission Corporation ("MRT").

Has UE altered the manner that it operates the MRT storage field?

- 101 A. No. UE, when asked the same question in Staff data request UE-ENG 1.30,
  102 noted that it had not fundamentally changed the manner that it operates its
  103 leased storage field during the last five years.
- 104 Q. What is the impact of making use of an average volume of natural gas contained 105 in storage versus the volume requested by UE?
- As shown on ICC Staff Exhibit 4.0, Schedule 4.2 UE, the 6-year average volume of natural gas contained in UE's MRT leased storage field is less than the volume requested in the test year result by UE. Using the volume reduction and making use of the average cost of natural gas that UE maintained in the MRT field provide for an adjustment of \$125,000 as shown on ICC Staff Exhibit 4.0, Schedule 4.2 UE.

## **Use of Actual Storage Data**

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- 113 Q. What data did UE use to determine its requested level of working capital114 allowance for gas in storage?
- 115 A. According to UE's response to Staff data request UE-ENG 1.29, UE relied upon
  116 the ledger amounts when it determined the appropriate working capital allowance
  117 for gas in storage in the instant proceeding. The ledger figures are estimates
  118 that also reflect the prior month's true-up. However, the information UE provided
  119 in response to Staff data request UE-ENG 1.8 reflects actual volumes as
  120 received from the pipeline.

- Q. What data do you recommend the Commission rely upon to determine UE'sappropriate working capital allowance for gas in storage?
- 123 A. I recommend the Commission base UE's working capital allowance for gas in
  124 storage from the actual information contained in UE's response to Staff data
  125 request UE-ENG 1.8. As shown on ICC Staff Exhibit 4.0, Schedule 4.3 UE,
  126 relying on actual data provides a reduction of \$2,000 to UE's requested working
  127 capital allowance for gas in storage.

### **Summary of UE Gas in Storage Adjustments**

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- Q. What is your overall recommendation regarding UE's requested working capitalallowance for its gas in storage?
- 131 A. I recommend the Commission reduce UE's requested working capital allowance
  132 for gas in storage to \$1,420,000, which is \$127,000 less than the value
  133 requested by UE as shown on ICC Staff Exhibit 4.0, Schedule 4.1 UE. This
  134 value is obtained by taking into account the higher than average levels of natural
  135 gas contained in storage during the test year versus historical years as well as
  136 make a minor correction due to the use of actual information rather than
  137 estimated information.

## **Automated Meter Reading**

Q. What is automated meter reading?

- A. AMR refers to a technology that allows for the remote reading of a meter. In this proceeding, AMR refers to the wireless technology system that UE uses to obtain, aggregate, and transmit meter readings to the central billing computer, as is discussed in the Direct Testimony of Jimmy Davis, AmerenUE Exhibit No. 2.0, page 7.
- 145 Q. How is UE using AMR?
- 146 A. As noted in Mr. Davis' testimony, in 1999 UE converted all of its approximately
  147 18,000 gas meters to an automatic meter reading process. Mr. Davis also noted
  148 that the benefits of the AMR conversion are ongoing.
- 149 Q. What are your concerns regarding UE's AMR system?
- 150 Α. I am concerned that UE decided to employ the AMR system without conducting a 151 cost/benefit study. UE, in response to Staff data request UE-ENG 1.33, provided 152 a confidential report that discusses potential savings associated with instituting 153 an AMR system. However, there was no information that compared the potential 154 savings to the cost of instituting the AMR project. Further, Mr. Davis' own 155 testimony is unclear regarding what benefits the AMR system is providing. 156 Therefore, I request that UE provide more detailed information in its rebuttal 157 testimony regarding the benefits and/or savings that result from using an AMR 158 system. UE should also provide any cost versus benefit studies that were done 159 prior to installing the AMR system.

# **Installation of New Services**

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161	Q.	Do UE's proposed or current tariffs contain any language regarding how quickly it
162		will provide service to new customers?
163	A.	No.
164	Q.	Do you believe that UE's tariff should contain language regarding how quickly it
165		will provide service to new customers?
166	A.	Yes.
167	Q.	How long has UE historically taken to provide service connections to new
168		customers?
169	A.	I do not know. When I asked UE this question in Staff data request UE-ENG
170		1.36, UE noted that it strives to provide service to a new customer according to
171		the schedule that is requested. There are, however, several factors including
172		weather and new business volume that can prevent it from providing service by
173		the requested date. This information also assumes that a distribution main
174		extension is not necessary.
175	Q.	What is the significance of the lack of a distribution main extension?
176	A.	It is possible that a new customer requesting natural gas service is located in an
177		area that does not contain a distribution main. If this happens, then the utility
178		must extend the distribution main to the area near the customer prior to installing

179 that customer's service line. The amount of time for extending a distribution main 180 would vary widely depending upon the length and size of the extension required, 181 the availability of public right-of-way, and a multitude of other factors. 182 Q. Do you believe UE should specify in its tariff the maximum amount of time for a 183 new customer service installation? 184 Yes. I recommend that the Commission modify UE's tariff to include a Α. 185 commitment to install new services in 15 working days or less. I base this 186 recommendation on two points. First, 15 days is long enough for a new 187 customer to wait for service. Also, 15 working days should provide UE enough 188 time to receive the service request, schedule the work, and complete the 189 installation without undue haste. 190 Second, UE has indicated that it intends to reduce staffing though an early 191 retirement program. A 15-day new service installation time limit will help ensure 192 that Ameren does not cause service deterioration with its resource reductions. 193 Q. As a matter of consistent policy, did Staff recommend the same 15-day limit on 194 new service installations in the on-going Central Illinois Light Company ("CILCO") 195 rate case, Docket No. 02-0837? 196 Yes. I am the Staff engineering witness assigned to that case. On March 20, Α. 197 2003, I filed testimony that made the identical recommendation for CILCO.

198		Further, I will seek the same modification in the future rate cases of all gas
199		utilities serving customers in Illinois.
200	Q.	What tariff language changes are you recommending UE make in order to place
201		limits on providing new services?
202	A.	I recommend UE alter its tariff under the Terms and Conditions under Installation
203		of Service, 1 <sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 11, by adding the following to the existing
204		language.
205 206 207 208 209 210		The Company shall provide service connections to new customers within 15 working days at the requested location once property grading is in place, any obstructions or construction materials are removed, the location for the meter installation is prepared, and a distribution main extension is not necessary in order to provide service.
211	Q.	Do you have any other UE recommendations?
212	A.	No.
213	CIPS	S Adjustments
214	Worl	king Capital Associated with Gas in Storage
215	Q.	What amount of working capital allowance did CIPS request to cover the working
216		gas, or top gas, contained in its natural gas storage fields?
217	A.	CIPS requested an amount equal to \$27,390,000 per Schedule B-5.1 of its Part
218		285 filing.

- 219 Q. Do you agree that CIPS' requested level is reasonable?
- 220 Α. No. I recommend that CIPS reduce the requested amount by taking into account 221 the higher than average levels of natural gas contained in storage during the test 222 year versus historical years, make a minor correction due to the use of actual 223 information rather than estimated information, and not allowing any working 224 capital allowance associated with the gas contained in three storage fields. After 225 taking all of the above items into account results in a working capital allowance of 226 \$21,926,000 (27,390,000 – 5,464,000), which is \$5,464,000 less than the value 227 requested by the CIPS as shown on ICC Staff Exhibit 4.0, Schedule 4.1 CIPS.

### **Average Storage Volume**

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- 229 Q. What test year did CIPS select for this proceeding?
- A. CIPS used the 12-month historical period July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002.
- Q. Do you consider the volume of natural gas that CIPS based its requested working capital allowance a normal volume of natural gas to maintain in storage?
- A. No. I reviewed the volume of natural gas that CIPS requested for a working capital allowance in the test year to the volume of natural gas for prior historical periods. This review indicated the volume of gas contained in the test year was larger than any of the prior periods reviewed. Therefore, I consider the volume of gas that CIPS requested as a working capital allowance not to be a representative volume for the future. Instead, I recommend averaging the

239 volumes of natural gas contained in the test year to the historical data to provide 240 a more representative volume. 241 Q. How many storage fields does CIPS own or lease? 242 Α. According to CIPS' response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.33, CIPS is 243 requesting a working capital allowance for ten storage fields. My understanding 244 is that CIPS owns five of them and leases five of them. 245 Q. Has CIPS altered the manner that it operates these ten storage fields? 246 Α. No. CIPS, when asked the same question in Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.36, 247 noted that it had not fundamentally changed the manner that it operates its 248 company-owned or leased storage field during the last five years. CIPS also 249 noted that when it renegotiated its leased storage contracts with various 250 providers, it aggregated any multiple storage agreements into a single no-notice 251 storage agreement. 252 Q. How long a time period did you use in determining the average amount of natural 253 gas contained in each of the storage fields used by CIPS? 254 Α. The time period depended upon the amount of information provided by CIPS. 255 For example, for the CIPS-owned and operated storage fields, CIPS provided 256 information that allowed the determination of a 13-month average for five 257 historical years, including the test year. For the leased storage fields, the

258 minimum period used to determine a 13-month average volume was three years. 259 since CIPS did not provide as much historical information regarding those fields. 260 Q. How did you account for any fields where CIPS had aggregated the prior 261 contracts into a single no-notice storage agreement? 262 Α. There was one leased storage agreement that fell into this category. For this 263 contract, I combined the total gas in storage for the historical gas contracts and 264 used that total to determine the reasonableness of CIPS' requested volume for 265 the new single no-notice storage agreement. The comparison of the aggregated 266 contract to the historical contracts is shown on ICC Staff Exhibit 4.0, Schedule 267 4.8 CIPS, pages 1 through 3. 268 Q. What is the impact of making use of an average volume of natural gas contained 269 in storage versus the volume requested by CIPS? 270 Α. As indicated on ICC Staff Exhibit 4.0, Schedule 4.2 CIPS through Schedule 4.8 271 CIPS, making use of an average volume of natural gas for all of CIPS' storage 272 fields results in a volume adjustment for each field. The overall result of this 273 volume adjustment reduces CIPS requested level of working capital for gas in 274 storage by \$4,617,000, as shown on ICC Staff Exhibit 4.0, Schedule 4.1 CIPS. **Use of Actual Storage Data** 275 276 Q. What data did CIPS use to determine its requested level of working capital 277 allowance for gas in storage?

- A. According to CIPS' response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.33, CIPS relied upon the ledger amounts when it determined the appropriate working capital allowance for gas in storage in the instant proceeding. The ledger figures are estimates that also reflect the prior month's true-up. However, the information CIPS provided in response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.8 reflects actual volumes as received from the pipeline.
- Q. What data do you recommend the Commission rely upon to determine CIPS' appropriate working capital allowance for gas in storage?
  - A. I recommend the Commission base CIPS' working capital allowance for gas in storage from the actual information contained in CIPS' response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.8. As shown on ICC Staff Exhibit 4.0, Schedule 4.9 CIPS, relying on actual data provides an increase of \$7,000 to CIPS' requested working capital allowance for gas in storage.

# **Removing Gas in Storage for Three Storage Fields**

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- Q. Earlier you noted that the Company requested a working capital allowance from ten storage fields. Do you agree that CIPS should receive a working capital allowance from all of these storage fields?
- A. No. I recommend the removal of any working capital allowance for gas in storage associated with the Rotherwood, Richwood, and Belle Gent storage fields.

### **Rotherwood Storage Field**

Q. Why do you recommend removal of any working capital allowance associated with the Rotherwood storage field?

A. According to the CIPS' response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.53, the agreement for leasing the Rotherwood storage field terminated on April 1, 1998 and CIPS had 30 days after the termination date to withdraw any existing storage inventory. This response noted that CIPS removed its remaining storage inventory by April 23, 1998. Next, the response noted that as a result of Staff's data requests and for reasons unknown at this time, the termination of the agreement was never reported to the appropriate accounting personnel. Finally, the response noted CIPS has taken steps to remove the Rotherwood storage account from CIPS' books.

Essentially, it appears the request for a working capital allowance for gas in storage from the Rotherwood storage field was an error. Based upon the above information, I recommend the removal of any working capital allowance associated with the Rotherwood storage field.

Q. What is the adjustment associated with removing the working capital allowance associated with the gas in storage at the Rotherwood storage field?

A. Removing the gas in storage from Rotherwood results in a reduction to the CIPS'
working capital allowance for gas in storage of \$392,000, as shown on ICC Staff
Exhibit 4.0, Schedule 4.1 CIPS.

### **Richwood Storage Field**

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Q. Why do you recommend removal of any working capital allowance associated with the Richwood storage field?

According to CIPS' response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.52, the
Richwood storage field has been inactive since 1983 due to the poor condition of
the gathering system and dehydration system. CIPS' request for a working
capital allowance from this field is counter to the purpose of working capital. In
particular, "For rate making purposes, working capital is a measure of investor
funding of daily operating expenditures and a variety of nonplant investments that
are necessary to sustain ongoing operations of the utility."<sup>1</sup>

Further, in a prior CIPS gas rate case, Docket No. 91-0193, the Commission in its March 18, 2002 Order, page 35, accepted a Staff adjustment to remove the Richwood storage field and its accumulated depreciation from rate base as well as the removal from operating expenses of the associated depreciation expense. This Order also noted that the Richwood storage field and its associated

accumulated depreciation was removed from rate base in its prior rate case,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Accounting for Public Utilities, p. 5-2, November 1995, by Robert Hahne, Gregory Aliff, and Deloitte & Touche LLP, November 1995.

Docket No. 90-0072.

CIPS has not operated the Richwood storage field for 20-years and the Commission, in prior Orders, removed the field and its expenses from CIPS' rates. I do not believe CIPS should have any gas in storage on its books for this field, let alone how that gas in storage qualifies as an investment to sustain the ongoing operations of the utility. Therefore, I recommend the removal of any working capital allowance associated with natural gas stored in this field.

I also request CIPS review its books and verify, in its rebuttal testimony, that there are no rate base or expense requests in the instant proceeding associated with the Richwood storage field. If CIPS locates any rate base or expense associated with the Richwood storage field, then it should remove those items from its requested rates or explain why it believes those items should remain in its requested rates.

- Q. What is the adjustment associated with removing the working capital allowance associated with the gas in storage at the Richwood storage field?
- A. Removing the gas in storage from the Richwood storage field results in a reduction to the CIPS' working capital allowance for gas in storage of \$165,000, as shown on ICC Staff Exhibit 4.0, Schedule 4.1 CIPS.

# **Belle Gent Storage Field**

Q. Why do you recommend removal of any working capital allowance associated

with the Belle Gent storage field?

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- As I will detail in the next section of my testimony, I am recommending that CIPS retire this facility. If this recommendation is accepted, CIPS will no longer require a working capital allowance associated with gas in storage at the Belle Gent storage field.
- 360 Q. What is the adjustment associated with removing the working capital allowance associated with the gas in storage at the Belle Gent storage field?
- A. Removing the gas in storage from the Belle Gent storage field results in a reduction to the CIPS' working capital allowance for gas in storage of \$392,000, as shown on ICC Staff Exhibit 4.0, Schedule 4.1 CIPS.

# **Summary of CIPS Gas in Storage Adjustments**

- 366 Q. What is your overall recommendation regarding CIPS' gas in storage?
- 367 A. I recommend CIPS reduce its requested working capital allowance for gas in 368 storage by taking into account the higher than average levels of natural gas 369 contained in storage during the test year versus historical years, making a 370 correction due to the use of actual information rather than estimated information, 371 and not allowing any working capital allowance associated with the gas contained 372 in three storage fields. After taking all of the above items into account results in a 373 working capital allowance of \$21,926,000, which is \$5,464,000 less than the 374 value requested by CIPS as shown on ICC Staff Exhibit 4.0, Schedule 4.1 CIPS.

# **Retirement of the Belle Gent Storage Field**

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376	Q.	Provide a general description of the Belle Gent storage field.
377	A.	According to CIPS' response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.23, Belle Gent is
378		a one-well field, remotely located approximately seven miles southeast of its
379		Johnston City storage facilities. Natural gas withdrawn from the Belle Gent
380		storage field is sent to the Johnston City storage field for measurement, pressure
381		regulation, dehydration, and odorization. The Johnston City storage field is
382		located in southern Illinois near the town of Johnston City.
383	Q.	Why do you believe CIPS should retire its Belle Gent storage field?
384	A.	CIPS cannot use the Belle Gent storage field to provide peak day deliverability to
385		its customers and the non-peak day withdrawals are very infrequent. Therefore, I
386		do not believe CIPS' customers receive any net economic benefit from the
387		operation of the field. The Belle Gent storage field is no longer "used and
388		useful".
389	Q.	What do you mean by "used and useful"?
390	A.	Section 9-211 of the Public Utilities Act ("Act") states as follows:
391 392 393 394		The Commission, in any determination of rates or charges, shall include in a utility's rate base only the value of such investment which is both prudently incurred and used and useful in providing service to public utilities customers. 220 ILCS 5/9-211
395		Further, the Act provides a definition of used and useful in Section 9-212 that

396	states:
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397 398 399		A generation or production facility is used and useful only if, and only to the extent that, it is necessary to meet customer demand or economically beneficial in meeting such demand. 220 ILCS 5/9-212
400	Q.	Why do you consider the Belle Gent storage field to not be "used and useful"?
401	A.	Using the criteria contained in Section 9-212 of the Act, the Belle Gent storage
402		field is not used and useful. Given CIPS inability to rely on the field for peak day
403		demand demonstrates the facility is not necessary to meet customer demand.
404		Further, the infrequency of its non-peak day usage does not support the need for
405		the facility during non-peak day periods.
406		The Belle Gent storage field is also not economically beneficial. CIPS' inability to
407		rely on the field for peak day demand eliminates the primary economic benefit
408		that is received from a storage field. If the Belle Gent storage field provided peak
409		day deliverability, then CIPS could reduce the amount of firm pipeline reservation
410		and supply contracts by the amount of deliverability that Belle Gent provided,
411		thus providing an economic benefit to customer. Since Belle Gent does not
412		provide peak day deliverability, CIPS, and its customers, do not receive that
413		benefit.
414		Another economic benefit that could be derived from the Belle Gent storage field
415		is the commodity price differential between the non-winter injections and the
416		winter withdrawals. Normally, gas is less expensive during the non-winter
417		months versus what utilities must pay for gas during the winter. Therefore,

418 customers could receive a benefit on the commodity price of natural gas that is 419 withdrawn during the winter. However, in the Belle Gent storage field's case, 420 CIPS rarely makes use of the field. Therefore, any benefit CIPS' customers 421 receive from any price differentials are likely offset by the cost incurred for the 422 storage field itself, therefore no net economic benefits are received. 423 Q. What is the rate impact should CIPS retire the Belle Gent storage field? 424 Α. I do not know. I asked CIPS this question in Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.26 425 and CIPS responded that the impact is not known and a study has not been 426 prepared to calculate the impact. Without knowing the cost of maintaining the 427 Belle Gent storage field, a cost versus benefit study cannot be conducted. 428 Q. Why is CIPS unable to use the Belle Gent storage field to provide peak day 429 deliverability? 430 Α. CIPS' response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.23 notes the reason the Belle 431 Gent storage field is not used to meet peak day load is that a difference in the 432 physical reservoir pressures between Belle Gent and Johnston City limits the 433 peak day deliverability of Belle Gent to zero until February. However, once the 434 reservoir pressure at Johnston City is sufficiently lowered, which is achieved by 435 producing Johnston City at the beginning of the heating season, Belle Gent 436 becomes available for late season withdrawals. 437 Q. Does CIPS frequently conduct late season withdrawals from Belle Gent?

- 438 Α. No. I requested CIPS, in CIPS-ENG 1.46, provide the last ten occasions for the 439 period November 1, 1993 through February 28, 2003 that it had used the Belle 440 Gent storage field to provide winter supply service to customers. CIPS' response 441 noted that it had withdrawn gas on four separate occasions since November 1. 442 1993 and that only two of those occasions occurred during the winter season. 443 The first occasion for a winter season withdrawal took place between February 1, 444 1996 and February 4, 1996, while the second took place on February 24 and 25, 445 2003. The other two occasions occurred in September 2001 and June 2002. In 446 total, CIPS provided twelve dates over the past ten years where it had withdrawn 447 gas from the Belle Gent storage field. 448 Q. Would CIPS have been able to meet its customers requirements on the twelve 449 days it withdrew gas from the Belle Gent storage field if that field was not in 450 operation? 451 Α. Yes. According to CIPS' response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.47, CIPS' 452 gas supply portfolio would have allowed it to provide reliable service to its 453 customers in the event the Belle Gent storage field's capacity had not been 454 available. 455 Q. Why has CIPS not used the Belle Gent storage field?
- A. After reviewing CIPS data request responses, I concluded that the use of the
  Belle Gent storage field declined as a result of the development of the Johnston
  City storage field. CIPS received permission to include the Johnston City storage

field in base rates as result of a prior CIPS gas rate case, Docket No. 91-0193.

Also, as noted above, the operation of the Belle Gent storage field is dependent upon the facilities located at the Johnston City storage field. Finally, the

Johnston City storage field is much larger than the Belle Gent field. Therefore, once CIPS developed the Johnston City storage field, the Belle Gent storage field was no longer needed and in my opinion is no longer used and useful.

- Q. Does CIPS agree that the Belle Gent storage field is no longer needed?
- A. No. CIPS, in its response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.24 noted that Belle
  Gent provides value to the ratepayers as a viable gas supply source for late
  season withdrawals. Further, CIPS indicated that the cost to use Belle Gent, as
  a gas supply source, is nominal and therefore it should remain in rate base.
- 470 Q. What is your recommendation?

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A. I recommend the Commission find the Belle Gent storage field to not be used
and useful and to direct CIPS to retire the Belle Gent storage field unless CIPS
can show an economic benefit from the operation of the field or other benefit that
I have overlooked. I also request CIPS address what costs associated with the
Belle Gent storage field remain in its rates in its rebuttal testimony.

### **Installation of New Services**

Q. Do CIPS' proposed or current tariffs contain any language regarding how quickly
 it will provide service to new customers?

479 Α. No. 480 Q. Do you believe that CIPS' tariff should contain language regarding how quickly it 481 will provide service to new customers? 482 Α. Yes. 483 Q. How long has CIPS historically taken to provide service connections to new 484 customers? 485 Α. According to CIPS' response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.5, CIPS noted 486 that it strives to provide service to a new customer according to the schedule that 487 is requested. There are, however, several factors including weather and new 488 business volume that can prevent it from providing service by the requested date. 489 This information also assumes that a distribution main extension is not 490 necessary. 491 Q. What is the significance of the lack of a distribution main extension? 492 Α. It is possible that a new customer requesting natural gas service is located in an 493 area that does not contain a distribution main. If this happens, then the utility 494 must extend the distribution main to the area near the customer prior to installing 495 that customer's service line. The amount of time for extending a distribution main 496 would vary widely depending upon the length and size of the extension required, 497 the availability of public right-of-way, and a multitude of other factors.

498 Q. Do you believe CIPS should specify in its tariff the maximum amount of time for a 499 new customer service installation? 500 Α. Yes. I recommend that the Commission modify CIPS' tariff to include a 501 commitment to install new services in 15 working days or less. I base this 502 recommendation on two points. First, 15 days is long enough for a new customer to wait for service. Also, 15 working days should provide CIPS enough 503 504 time to receive the service request, schedule the work, and complete the 505 installation without undue haste. 506 Second, CIPS has indicated that it intends to reduce staffing through an early 507 retirement program. A 15-day new service installation time limit will help ensure 508 that Ameren does not cause service deterioration with its resource reductions. 509 Q. What tariff language changes are you recommending CIPS make in order to 510 place limits on providing new services? 511 I recommend CIPS alter its tariff under the Terms and Conditions under A. 512 Installation of Service, Original Sheet No. 10.002, by adding the following to the 513 existing language. 514 The Company shall provide service connections to new customers 515 within 15 working days at the requested location once property 516 grading is in place, any obstructions or construction materials are 517 removed, the location for the meter installation is prepared, and a 518 distribution main extension is not necessary in order to provide 519 service. 520 Do you have any other CIPS recommendations? Q.

521 A. No.

522 Q. Does this conclude your direct testimony?

523 A. Yes.

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# **Summary of UE Adjustments**

1	Gas in Storage - Volume Adjustment	\$125,000
2	Gas in Storage - Actual Inventory Value	\$2,000
3	Total Reduction to Working Capital Allowance for Gas in Storage	\$127,000

Row 1 = Adjustment per ICC Staff Exhibit 4.0, Schedule 4.2 UE

Row 2 = Adjustment per ICC Staff Exhibit 4.0, Schedule 4.3 UE

Row 3 = Row 1 + Row 2

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### MRT Storage - Physical Inventory

Year	Jan (MMBtu)	Feb (MMBtu)	March (MMBtu)	April (MMBtu)	May (MMBtu)	June (MMBtu)	July (MMBtu)	Aug (MMBtu)	Sept (MMBtu)	Oct (MMBtu)	Nov (MMBtu)	Dec (MMBtu)	13-Month Average (MMBtu)
1 2002 2 2001 3 2000 4 1999 5 1998 6 1997 7 1996													
	13 - Month A	verage for Te	st Year = Sun	m of June 200	1 though Jun	e 2002 divide	d by 13						
8										Average 13 -	Month Volum	ne (MMBtu)	
9										Volume Diffe	rence (MMBtı	۱)	
10										Test Year Av	erage Price (	\$/MMBtu)	
11										Adjustment			\$125,220

Row 1 = MRT Storage Volume per UE Response to Staff data request UE-ENG 1.8

Row 2 = MRT Storage Volume per UE Response to Staff data request UE-ENG 1.8

Row 3 = MRT Storage Volume per UE Response to Staff data request UE-ENG 1.8

Row 4 = MRT Storage Volume per UE Response to Staff data request UE-ENG 1.8 Row 5 = MRT Storage Volume per UE Response to Staff data request UE-ENG 1.8

Row 6 = MRT Storage Volume per UE Response to Staff data request UE-ENG 1.8

Row 7 = MRT Storage Volume per UE Response to Staff data request UE-ENG 1.8

Row 8 = Average of the 13 - Month Volume

Row 9 = Difference between Test Year 13 - Month Average and Row 8 Value

Row 10 = 13-Month Average Price per MMBtu for Gas in Storage at MRT in Test Year

Row 11 = Row 9 \* Row 10

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### Comparison of Gas in Storage Value

	Jan-02	Feb-02	Mar-02	Apr-02	May-02	Jun-02	Jul-01	Aug-01	Sep-01	Oct-01	Nov-01	Dec-01	Jun-01	13-Month Average
1 MRT														
2 Schedule B-5.1	\$1,598,000	\$879,000	\$221,000	\$2,000	\$94,000	\$618,000	\$1,564,000	\$2,188,000	\$2,773,000	\$3,418,000	\$3,244,000	\$2,607,000	\$909,000	\$1,547,308
3 Difference														\$1,826

Row 1 = Actual Value of Gas in MRT Leased Storage Service per UE Response to UE-ENG 1.8

Row 2 = UE Requested Amount for Gas in MRT Leased Storage Service per UE Schedule B-5.1 of 285 filling

Row 3 = Difference in 13 - Month Average between Row 1 and Row 2

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# **Summary of CIPS Adjustments**

1	Ashmore Storage Adjustment	\$563,000
2	Sciota Storage Adjustment	\$193,000
3	Johnston City Storage Adjustment	\$158,000
4	NGPL - DSS Storage Adjustment	\$26,000
5	Texas Eastern Storage Adjustment	\$135,000
6	Trunkline NNS Storage Adjustment	\$126,000
7	Panhandle Storage Adjustment	\$3,416,000
8	Total Storage Adjustment for Volume Adjustment	\$4,617,000
9	Belle Gent Storage Inventory Value	\$297,000
10	Rotherwood Storage Inventory Value	\$392,000
11	Richwood Storage Inventory Value	\$165,000
12	Gas in Storage - Actual Inventory Value	-\$7,000
13	Total Reduction to Working Capital Allowance for Gas in Storage	\$5,464,000

Row 1 = Schedule 4.2 CIPS

Row 2 = Schedule 4.3 CIPS

Row 3 = Schedule 4.4 CIPS

Row 4 = Schedule 4.5 CIPS

Row 5 = Schedule 4.6 CIPS

Row 6 = Schedule 4.7 CIPS

Row 7 = Schedule 4.8 CIPS

Row 8 = Sum of Rows 1 through 7

Row 9 = Schedule 4.9 CIPS

Row 10 = Schedule 4.9 CIPS

Row 11 = Schedule 4.9 CIPS

Row 12 = Schedule 4.9 CIPS

Row 13 = Sum of Rows 8 through 11

### Ashmore Storage - Physical Inventory

	Year	Jan (MMBtu)	Feb (MMBtu)	March (MMBtu)	April (MMBtu)	May (MMBtu)	June (MMBtu)	July (MMBtu)	Aug (MMBtu)	Sept (MMBtu)	Oct (MMBtu)	Nov (MMBtu)	Dec (MMBtu)	13-Month Average (MMBtu)
1 2 3 4 5 6	2002 2001 2000 1999 1998 1997													
		13 - Month	Average for	or Test Yea	r = Sum of	June 2001	through Jur	ne 2002 div	ided by 13					
7										Average 13	3 - Month V	olume (MN	1Btu)	
8										Volume Di	fference (M	MBtu)		
9										Test Year	Average Pr	ice (\$/MMB	Btu)	
10										Adjustmen	t			\$563,121

Row 1 = Ashmore Storage Volume per CIPS Response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.8

Row 2 = Ashmore Storage Volume per CIPS Response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.8

Row 3 = Ashmore Storage Volume per CIPS Response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.8

Row 4 = Ashmore Storage Volume per CIPS Response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.8

Row 5 = Ashmore Storage Volume per CIPS Response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.8

Row 6 = Ashmore Storage Volume per CIPS Response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.8

Row 7 = Average of 13 - Month Volume

Row 8 = Difference Between Test Year 13 - Month Average and Row 7 Volume

Row 9 = 13 - Month Average Price per MMBtu for Gas in Storage at Ashmore in Test Year

Row 10 = Row 8 \* Row 9

### Sciota Storage - Physical Inventory

	Year	Jan (MMBtu)	Feb (MMBtu)	March (MMBtu)	April (MMBtu)	May (MMBtu)	June (MMBtu)	July (MMBtu)	Aug (MMBtu)	Sept (MMBtu)	Oct (MMBtu)	Nov (MMBtu)	Dec (MMBtu)	13-Month Average (MMBtu)
1 2 3 4 5 6	2002 2001 2000 1999 1998 1997													
		13 - Month	Average for	or Test Yea	r = Sum of	June 2001	through Jur	ne 2002 div	ided by 13					
7										Average 13	3 - Month V	olume (MN	lBtu)	
8										Volume Di	ference (M	MBtu)		
9										Test Year	Average Pr	ice (\$/MMB	stu)	
10										Adjustmen	t			\$192,833

Row 1 = Sciota Storage Volume per CIPS Response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.8

Row 2 = Sciota Storage Volume per CIPS Response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.8

Row 3 = Sciota Storage Volume per CIPS Response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.8

Row 4 = Sciota Storage Volume per CIPS Response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.8

Row 5 = Sciota Storage Volume per CIPS Response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.8

Row 6 = Sciota Storage Volume per CIPS Response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.8

Row 7 = Average of 13 - Month Volume

Row 8 = Difference Between Test Year 13 - Month Average and Row 7 Volume

Row 9 = 13 - Month Average Price per MMBtu for Gas in Storage at Sciota in Test Year

Row 10 = Row 8 \* Row 9

## Johnston City - Physical Inventory

	Year	Jan (MMBtu)	Feb (MMBtu)	March (MMBtu)	April (MMBtu)	May (MMBtu)	June (MMBtu)	July (MMBtu)	Aug (MMBtu)	Sept (MMBtu)	Oct (MMBtu)	Nov (MMBtu)	Dec (MMBtu)	13-Month Average (MMBtu)
1 2 3 4 5 6	2002 2001 2000 1999 1998 1997													
		13 - Month	Average fo	or Test Yea	r = Sum of	June 2001	through Jur	ne 2002 div	ided by 13					
7										Average 13	3 - Month V	olume (MM	lBtu)	
8										Volume Dif	ference (M	MBtu)		
9										Test Year	Average Pr	ice (\$/MMB	tu)	
10										Adjustmen	t			\$158,030

Row 1 = Johnston City Storage Volume per CIPS Response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.8

Row 2 = Johnston City Storage Volume per CIPS Response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.8

Row 3 = Johnston City Storage Volume per CIPS Response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.8

Row 4 = Johnston City Storage Volume per CIPS Response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.8

Row 5 = Johnston City Storage Volume per CIPS Response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.8

Row 6 = Johnston City Storage Volume per CIPS Response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.8

Row 7 = Average of 13 - Month Volume

Row 8 = Difference Between Test Year 13 - Month Average and Row 7 Volume

Row 9 = 13 - Month Average Price per MMBtu for Gas in Storage at Johnston City in Test Year

Row 10 = Row 8 \* Row 9

### NGPL DSS - Physical Inventory

	Year	Jan (MMBtu)	Feb (MMBtu)	March (MMBtu)	April (MMBtu)	May (MMBtu)	June (MMBtu)	July (MMBtu)	Aug (MMBtu)	Sept (MMBtu)	Oct (MMBtu)	Nov (MMBtu)	Dec (MMBtu)	13-Month Average (MMBtu)
1	2002													
2	2001													
3	2000													
4	1999													
		13 - Month	Average fo	r Test Year	= Sum of .	January 200	02 through .	June 2002 d	divided by 1	3				
5										Average 13	3 - Month V	olume (MM	Btu)	
6										Volume Dif	ference (M	MBtu)		
7										Test Year	Average Pri	ce (\$/MMB	tu)	
8										Adjustmen	t			\$25,872

Row 1 = NGPL - DSS Leased Storage Volume per CIPS Response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.8

Row 2 = NGPL - DSS Leased Storage Volume per CIPS Response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.8

Row 3 = NGPL - DSS Leased Storage Volume per CIPS Response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.8

Row 4 = NGPL - DSS Leased Storage Volume per CIPS Response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.8

Row 5 = Average of 13 - Month Volume

Row 6 = Difference Between Test Year 13 - Month Average and Row 5 Volume

Row 7 = 13 - Month Average Price per MMBtu for Gas in Storage at NGPL - DSS Leased Storage in Test Year (\$149,848 / 42,419 MMBtu)

Row 8 = Row 6 \* Row 7

### Texas Eastern - Physical Inventory

	Year	Jan (MMBtu)	Feb (MMBtu)	March (MMBtu)	April (MMBtu)	May (MMBtu)	June (MMBtu)	July (MMBtu)	Aug (MMBtu)	Sept (MMBtu)	Oct (MMBtu)	Nov (MMBtu)	Dec (MMBtu)	13-Month Average (MMBtu)
1 2 3 4	2002 2001 2000 1999													
		13 - Month	Average for	or Test Yea	r = Sum of	June 2001	through Jui	ne 2002 div	ided by 13					
5										Average 13	3 - Month V	olume (MN	lBtu)	
6										Volume Dif	ference (M	MBtu)		
7										Test Year	Average Pr	ice (\$/MMB	tu)	
8										Adjustmen	t			\$134,639

Row 1 = Texas Eastern Leased Storage Volume per CIPS Response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.8

Row 2 = Texas Eastern Leased Storage Volume per CIPS Response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.8

Row 3 = Texas Eastern Leased Storage Volume per CIPS Response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.8

Row 4 = Texas Eastern Leased Storage Volume per CIPS Response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.8

Row 5 = Average of 13 - Month Volume

Row 6 = Difference Between Test Year 13 - Month Average and Row 5 Volume

Row 7 = 13 - Month Average Price per MMBtu for Gas in Storage at Texas Eastern Leased Storage in Test Year

Row 8 = Row 6 \* Row 7

## Trunkline NNS - Physical Inventory

	Year	Jan (MMBtu)	Feb (MMBtu)	March (MMBtu)	April (MMBtu)	May (MMBtu)	June (MMBtu)	July (MMBtu)	Aug (MMBtu)	Sept (MMBtu)	Oct (MMBtu)	Nov (MMBtu)	Dec (MMBtu)	13-Month Average (MMBtu)
1	2002													
2	2001													
3	2000													
4	1999													
5	1998													
		13 - Month	Average for	or Test Yea	r = Sum of	January 20	02 through	June 2002	divided by	13				
6										Average 13	3 - Month V	olume (MM	1Btu)	
7										Volume Dit	fference (M	MBtu)		
8										Test Year	Average Pr	ice (\$/MMB	stu)	
9										Adjustmen	t			\$126,324

Row 1 = Trunkline - NNS Leased Storage Volume per CIPS Response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.8

Row 2 = Trunkline - NNS Leased Storage Volume per CIPS Response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.8

Row 3 = Trunkline - NNS Leased Storage Volume per CIPS Response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.8

Row 4 = Trunkline - NNS Leased Storage Volume per CIPS Response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.8

Row 5 = Trunkline - NNS Leased Storage Volume per CIPS Response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.8

Row 6 = Average of 13 - Month Volume

Row 7 = Difference Between Test Year 13 - Month Average and Row 6 Volume

Row 8 = 13 - Month Average Price per MMBtu for Gas in Storage at Trunkline - NNS Leased Storage in Test Year

Row 9 = Row 7 \* Row 8

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## Panhandle Leased Storage Contracts

#### **Comparison of All Panhandle Leased Storage Contracts**

	Year	Jan (MMBtu)	Feb (MMBtu)	March (MMBtu)	April (MMBtu)	May (MMBtu)	June (MMBtu)	July (MMBtu)	Aug (MMBtu)	Sept (MMBtu)	Oct (MMBtu)	Nov (MMBtu)	Dec (MMBtu)	13-Month Average (MMBtu)
1 2 3 4 5	2002 2001 2000 1999 1998													
		13 - Month	Average for	or Test Year	= Sum of c	lune 2001 t	hrough Jun	e 2002 divid	ded by 13					
6										Average 13	3 - Month V	olume (MM	Btu)	
7										Volume Dif	ference (M	MBtu)		
8										Test Year	Average Pri	ce (\$/MMB	tu)	
9										Adjustmen	t			\$3,415,580

Row 1 = Summation of 2002 Storage Volumes from Schedule 4.8 CIPS, pages 2 and 3

Row 2 = Summation of 2001 Storage Volumes from Schedule 4.8 CIPS, pages 2 and 3

Row 3 = Summation of 2000 Storage Volumes from Schedule 4.8 CIPS, pages 2 and 3

Row 4 = Summation of 1999 Storage Volumes from Schedule 4.8 CIPS, pages 2 and 3

Row 5 = Summation of 1998 Storage Volumes from Schedule 4.8 CIPS, pages 2 and 3

Row 6 = Average of 13 - Month Volume

Row 7 = Difference Between Test Year 13 - Month Average and Row 6 Volume

Row 8 = 13 - Month Average Price per MMBtu for Gas in Storage at Panhandle - FSS Leased Storage in Test Year

Row 9 = Row 7 \* Row 8

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### Panhandle Leased Storage Contracts

#### Panhandle FSS - Physical Inventory

	12 Month													
	Year	Jan (MMBtu)	Feb (MMBtu)	March (MMBtu)	April (MMBtu)	May (MMBtu)	June (MMBtu)	July (MMBtu)	Aug (MMBtu)	Sept (MMBtu)	Oct (MMBtu)	Nov (MMBtu)	Dec (MMBtu)	13-Month Average (MMBtu)
1 2 3 4 5	2002 2001 2000 1999 1998													
						Panhand	dle IOS - Pl	nysical Inv	entory					13-Month
	Year	Jan (MMBtu)	Feb (MMBtu)	March (MMBtu)	April (MMBtu)	May (MMBtu)	June (MMBtu)	July (MMBtu)	Aug (MMBtu)	Sept (MMBtu)	Oct (MMBtu)	Nov (MMBtu)	Dec (MMBtu)	Average (MMBtu)
6 7 8 9 10	2002 2001 2000 1999 1998													

Row 1 = Panhandle - FSS Leased Storage Volume per CIPS Response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.8 Row 2 = Panhandle - FSS Leased Storage Volume per CIPS Response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.8 Row 3 = Panhandle - FSS Leased Storage Volume per CIPS Response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.8 Row 4 = Panhandle - FSS Leased Storage Volume per CIPS Response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.8 Row 5 = Panhandle - FSS Leased Storage Volume per CIPS Response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.8 Row 6 = Panhandle - IOS Leased Storage Volume per CIPS Response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.8 Row 7 = Panhandle - IOS Leased Storage Volume per CIPS Response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.8 Row 8 = Panhandle - IOS Leased Storage Volume per CIPS Response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.8

Row 9 = Panhandle - IOS Leased Storage Volume per CIPS Response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.8

Row 10 = Panhandle - IOS Leased Storage Volume per CIPS Response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.8

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### Panhandle Leased Storage Contracts

#### Panhandle Flex - Physical Inventory

		13-Month												
	Year	Jan (MMBtu)	Feb (MMBtu)	March (MMBtu)	April (MMBtu)	May (MMBtu)	June (MMBtu)	July (MMBtu)	Aug (MMBtu)	Sept (MMBtu)	Oct (MMBtu)	Nov (MMBtu)	Dec (MMBtu)	Average (MMBtu)
1 2 3 4 5	2002 2001 2000 1999 1998													
						Panhand	dle WS - Ph	nysical Inve	entory					12 Month
	Year	Jan (MMBtu)	Feb (MMBtu)	March (MMBtu)	April (MMBtu)	May (MMBtu)	June (MMBtu)	July (MMBtu)	Aug (MMBtu)	Sept (MMBtu)	Oct (MMBtu)	Nov (MMBtu)	Dec (MMBtu)	13-Month Average (MMBtu)
6 7 8 9 10	2002 2001 2000 1999 1998													

Row 1 = Panhandle - Flex Leased Storage Volume per CIPS Response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.8 Row 2 = Panhandle - Flex Leased Storage Volume per CIPS Response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.8

Row 3 = Panhandle - Flex Leased Storage Volume per CIPS Response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.8

Row 4 = Panhandle - Flex Leased Storage Volume per CIPS Response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.8

Row 5 = Panhandle - Flex Leased Storage Volume per CIPS Response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.8

Row 6 = Panhandle - WS Leased Storage Volume per CIPS Response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.8

Row 7 = Panhandle - WS Leased Storage Volume per CIPS Response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.8 Row 8 = Panhandle - WS Leased Storage Volume per CIPS Response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.8

Row 9 = Panhandle - WS Leased Storage Volume per CIPS Response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.8

Row 10 = Panhandle - WS Leased Storage Volume per CIPS Response to Staff data request CIPS-ENG 1.8

### Comparison of Gas in Storage Value by Field

13-Month Jan-02 Feb-02 Mar-02 Apr-02 May-02 Jun-02 Jul-01 Aug-01 Sep-01 Oct-01 Nov-01 Dec-01 Jun-01 Average Ashmore 2 Sciota Johnston City Belle Gent 5 NGPL-DSS 6 Texas Eastern 7 Trunkline- NSS 8 Pan-FS Rotherwood 9 10 Richwood 11 Total \$29,045,160 \$21,860,308 \$14,342,290 \$15,377,437 \$18,934,171 \$23,425,536 \$29,639,902 \$32,892,352 \$35,886,237 \$38,320,294 \$37,178,020 \$33,015,790 \$26,243,490 \$27,396,999 12 Schedule B-5.1 \$28,993,000 \$21,863,000 \$14,338,000 \$15,405,000 \$18,919,000 \$23,422,000 \$29,640,000 \$32,845,000 \$35,900,000 \$38,365,000 \$37,099,000 \$33,016,000 \$26,266,000 \$27,390,077 13 Difference -\$6,922

Row 1 = Actual Value of Gas in Ashmore Storage Field per CIPS Response to CIPS-ENG 1.8

Row 2 = Actual Value of Gas in Sciota Storage Field per CIPS Response to CIPS-ENG 1.8

Row 3 = Actual Value of Gas in Johnston City Storage Field per CIPS Response to CIPS-ENG 1.8

Row 4 = Actual Value of Gas in Belle Gent Storage Field per CIPS Response to CIPS-ENG 1.8

Row 5 = Actual Value of Gas in NGPL - DSS Leased Storage Service per CIPS Response to CIPS-ENG 1.8

Row 6 = Actual Value of Gas in Texas Eastern Leased Storage Service per CIPS Response to CIPS-ENG 1.8

Row 7 = Actual Value of Gas in Trunkline - NSS Leased Storage Service per CIPS Response to CIPS-ENG 1.8

Row 8 = Actual Value of Gas in Panhandle - FSS Leased Storage Service per CIPS Response to CIPS-ENG 1.8

Row 9 = Actual Value of Gas in Rotherwood Leased Storage Service per CIPS Response to CIPS-ENG 1.8

Row 10 = Actual Value of Gas in Richwood Storage Field per CIPS Response to CIPS-ENG 1.8

Row 11 = Total Actual Value of Gas in Storage for CIPS storage Fields (Summation of Rows 1 through 10)

Row 12 = CIPS Requested Amount of Gas per CIPS Schedule B-5.1 of 285 Filing

Row 13 = Difference in 13 - Month Average between Row 11 and Row 12